GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5593
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2002
PURCHASE OF POWER FROM DABHOL POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is considering to purchase power from Dabhol Power Project;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has made a special request to NTPC;

(c) if so, the response of NTPC, cost of power and the present cost of NTPC; and

(d) the details of discussions taken place recently with Power Ministry & MSEB?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : The Government of Maharashtra (GOM) has requested the Government of India to take over the Dabhol power plant or at least the second phase of 1444 MW capacity, either directly or through any of its Public Sector Undertakings like the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), so that the power generated could be distributed to areas outside Maharashtra. GOM had also approached NTPC with the request to consider participation in the equity of Dabhol Power Company.

(c) : The proposals have not been agreed to by the NTPC.

The first phase of the Dabhol power plant with a capacity of 740 MW was commissioned on 13th May, 1999 and was supplying power to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB), who have since rescinded the Power Purchase Agreement with Dabhol Power Company (DPC) and have stopped taking power from the plant since 29th May,2001. The cost of power supplied by the first phase has varied from time to time depending on factors such as the price of naphtha, foreign exchange fluctuation and the level of off-take of power by MSEB.The average cost of Dabhol power worked out to Rs.4.67 per unit during May, 1999 to March, 2000 and Rs.6.19 per unit during April, 2000 to December, 2000.

A Statement showing cost of power of NTPC power stations is at Annexure.

(d) : Power Purchase Agreement has been signed between DPC and MSEB, and the disputes are to be decided/resolved between them. Government of India, has agreed to facilitate a mutually acceptable agreement if both the parties so desire. The financial institutions have also initiated the process of identifying a suitable buyer for the project.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5593 TO BE ANSWERED IN THI SABHA ON 02.05.2002.

Station wise Cost of Power of NTPC Stations.

Sl.No.	Station	Cost of Power of NTPC Stations (Paise/Kwh)
1.	Singrauli STPS	96.61
2.	Korba STPS	68.95

3. Ramagundam STPS 121.84

4. Farakka STPS 172.15

5. Vindhyachal STPS 129.73

6. Rihand STPS 141.11

7 FGUTPS 194.77

8. NCRTPS 216.83

9. Kahalgaon STPS 192.44

10. Talcher STPS 172.34

11. Talcher TPS 132.41

12. Tanda TPS 463.93

13. Anta GPS 132.82

14. Auraiya GPS 174.15

15. Dadri GPS 183.14

16. Kawas GPS 310.22

17. Gandhar GPS 333.95

18. Kayamkulam CCPS 505.82

19. Faridabad GPS 220.95

20. NTPC 157.20